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TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

MORE HOPEFUL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 1, 7.35 a.m.

The position is more hopeful as it is expected that the minimum wage will be obtained and that the miners will concede safeguards regarding the minimum output.

An official statement says that the Northumberland coal owners have agreed to the principle of the minimum wage but cannot assent irrespective of ability and willingness of the workers.

ASQUITH'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Asquith, addressing the National Miners' Conference expatiated on the importance of the coal industry being carried on under proper conditions.

GOVERNMENT'S DUTY.

Mr. Asquith said that the Government having recognised the principle of a minimum wage, if it was not secured by agreement it would be secured by the Government by other means.

He emphatically declared that it was the Government's duty to do what it could to effect a reasonable settlement.

AN APPEAL.

Mr. Asquith appealed to the miners, on behalf of the Government and the community, to allow a reasonable latitude for discussion with regard to particular rates.

GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY.

A terrible responsibility, he pointed out, would rest upon the shoulders of those who hindered the achievement of a result so nearly within reach of attainment.—Reuter.

800,000 OUT.

Bombay, March 1, 7.40 a.m.

Everything is quiet in the strike districts.

Eight hundred thousand strikers are out.

The seriousness of the position is already disagreeably felt. A number of works have been closed at Sheffield and elsewhere.

The railways are arranging a reduction of their services and everywhere employers are giving their employees warning notices. It is estimated that already over a quarter of a million workers are under notice.

Negotiations will be continued to-morrow.

FRESH PROPOSALS.

It is understood that Mr. Asquith has submitted fresh proposals to the coal owners and that the negotiations are taking a fresh turn.

The railways are swearing in employees as special constables. The South Wales railway men have resolved not to handle troop trains or "blacklegged" coal.

The Cabinet met for over two hours. Then the Government met the miners for an hour. Several owners have already left London and the majority leave to-night.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

CABINET MEETING.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 12.30 p.m.

A special cabinet meeting is being held regarding the coal crisis.

LEGISLATION NECESSARY.

London, Feb. 29, 4.40 a.m.

The Government is of opinion that legislation will be necessary to make the decisions of its representatives at the suggested district conferences compulsory.—Reuter.

WHAT FORM?

London, Feb. 29, 3.15 p.m.

In view of the breakdown of the peace negotiations, the action of the Government is now eagerly anticipated. A surprisingly large percentage of the coal-owners have accepted the principle of the minimum wage, and this is expected to strengthen the hands of the Government, but it is not expected there will be any legislation so drastic as has been suggested.

More probably it will be based on the proposals of last night.—Reuter.

FOR AND AGAINST.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

Sixty per cent. of the coal-owners have accepted the Government's proposals, and they include those in Lancashire, Yorkshire, the Midlands, North Wales, Durham and Cumberland. The dissentients are those in Northumberland, South Wales, Scotland, the Forest of Dean, Somerset and Bristol.—Reuter.

STUBBORN WELSHMEN.

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

A section of the coal-owners, at the instance of the Earl of Durham, have accepted the Government's proposals on national grounds in view of the disaster of a strike, but the Welshmen are adamant. Mr. Thomas, interviewed last night, said: "We will resist the Government proposal to the end. We would rather submit to compulsion than accept it voluntarily."

HOLIDAY SPIRIT.

The miners are determined to remain solid, and they are confident of obtaining not merely the principle but a specific minimum wage. Last night 115,000 of them struck and generally a holiday spirit prevails, there being an absence of the ill-willing which has characterised previous combats. The leaders in Derbyshire have issued a manifesto deprecating the outbreak at Chesterfield on the 28th.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW CHINA.

SOLDIERS BREAK OUT.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 1, 12.15 p.m.

Two thousand of Yuan Shih-kai's soldiers rioted in Peking last night. They fired several houses and looted some shops.

CONFIRMATION.

London, Feb. 29, 5.25 p.m. Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that some hundreds of Yuan Shih-kai's soldiers have rioted. They have ignited and wrecked several houses.

RESTORING ORDER.

Indiscriminate shooting is proceeding. Thousands of soldiers are trying to restore order. Considerable alarm prevails.—Reuter.

A LARGE LOAN.

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m. Reuter's Peking correspondent states that British, American, French and German bankers are to advance five million taels to the Republican authorities to pay the troops. A large loan will be contracted immediately a coalition cabinet is formed.

THE LENDERS.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m. Reuter's Tokio correspondent says it is understood Russia and Japan will participate in the loan to China.

AMERICAN CONGRATULATIONS.

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m.

The Washington correspondent of Reuter states that the Foreign Committee of the House has reported favourably on a resolution congratulating the Chinese people on the assumption of the powers, duties and responsibilities of self-government. If the resolution passes, it will be tantamount to recognition of the Republic.

YUAN'S POLICY.

Shanghai, Feb. 29. President Yuan Shih-kai has formulated his policy. Foreign loans will be obtained to relieve the existing financial strain, evil-doers will be suppressed, and other taxation increased.

SHANGTUNG GOVERNOR.

Chang Kwong-kin, Governor of Shantung, has not been in harmony with the republican troops and the result has been that an attempt, which, however, proved unsuccessful, has been made to assassinate him. Bombs were employed.

A LOAN.

Chan Kam-tao, Commissioner of Finance, has obtained a loan of £1,500,000 from the Russo-Asiatic Bank; the receipts of a certain tax from the whole country being the security.

WOMANHOOD SUFFRAGE.

Miss Chang Kwan-ying, the representative of the women of Kiangnan, has asked the Cabinet at Nanking for the extension of the franchise to women, but the request has been refused.

APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM.

Tong Shau-chuan, Ma Lai-hing and Shum Yan have left for the Straits by the Tongo Maru to advise the Chinese merchants there to subscribe to the National loan.

DISENSENION.

Many of the members of the Assembly at Nanking are displeased with the foreign loan policy of the new government and have announced their intention to resign.—"Shat Po."

TELEGRAMS.

A DELICATE QUESTION.

STRAITS CIVIL SERVICE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, March 1, 8.50 a.m.

In the House of Commons in reply to Mr. McCullum Scott, Mr.

L. Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that the interests of good administration required adherence to the regulation confining civil and police appointments in the Straits Settlements to pure Europeans.

The Straits Assembly (Council) had not been consulted, but undoubtedly it would by a large majority support the Government's policy.—Reuter.

TEST CRICKET.

RAIN STOPS PLAY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 5.55 a.m.

Owing to rain, play in the last Test match between England and Australia has been suspended. The position now stands:—England, 324 and 214. Australia, 176 and 193 for three wickets.—Reuter.

STORER DEAD.

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

The death is reported of Storer, the famous cricketer, who for many years kept wicket so brilliantly for Derbyshire. Storer had the distinction of playing against the Australians.—Reuter.

STEEL TRUST.

A HUGE PROFIT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent cables that the accountant who examined the books of the Steel Trust mentions that the Pierpont Morgan Company made a profit of £13,800,000 by financing the Trust.

HOME RULE.

SCOTLAND'S TURN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 4.55 a.m.

The House of Commons has, by 224 votes to 128, adopted a private motion urging the grant of Home Rule to Scotland following on Irish Home Rule.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

BOXING.

SULLIVAN DEFEATED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 5.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Monte Carlo states that Car-

pentier has knocked out Jim Sullivan in the second round in the fight for the middleweight championship of the world.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

GENERAL MILD MAY.

WILSON.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 12.30 p.m.

The death is announced of Major-Gen. Sir Midway Wilson, K.O.B.

CORONER TROUTBECK.

The death has taken place of Mr. John Troutbeck, coroner and deputy high bailiff of Westminster.—Reuter.

BEHIND THE TIMES.

We are, we sometimes fear, getting just a trifle old-fashioned; dropping behind the times, as it were. For at odd moments, when we have nothing in particular to do, instead of doing it with that feverish activity which is the hall mark of the really live, useful, up-to-date business man, we find ourselves sinking into a peaceful reverie of the less strenuous days of our own early youth. We are speaking, you must understand, of the pre-historic period before tubes, taximotor-buses, cinematograph shows, and militant suffragettes had been thought of; before the Radical party had discovered the genius of Lloyd George, and when the British Constitution was still intact. Those days are gone, and, priding ourselves, as we do, upon being a man of action, we would not recall them if we could. No doubt, compared with the present age, it was but an oyster-like existence that we led. And, of course, our ideas of progress were lamentably crude. For instance, at the top of the Strand there used to be a sort of odd, narrow little streets that some of us used actually to think picturesque. So they were in a fashion. But for sheer wild grandeur, not to be mentioned in the same breath with the magnificent wild bit of moorland into which a beneficent County Council has transformed them. And then again—but we must not go on dreaming. It is time to wake up and get busy again doing nothing.—The "Globe."

TELEGRAMS.

TRIPOLI WAR.

RUSSIAN PROPOSALS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 2.15 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Rome wires that Russia has made fresh proposals for mediation between Italy and Turkey. She proposes to ask Italy on what terms she will conclude peace on the basis of Italian sovereignty in Tripoli.

Thereafter, the five Powers will approach Turkey. The Constantinople correspondent states that there is little faith in the efficacy of Russian initiative, and the adoption of the annexation bill in the Italian Parliament is regarded as an insurmountable obstacle to an understanding.

ISLAND ANNEXED.

NO INHABITANTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

The commander of the West Virginia reports to the State Department that he found Palmyra uninhabited and without any indication of any nation having attempted to assert sovereignty over it.

ROPE BREAKS AT A HANGING.

Condemned man "Suffered no Conscious Thought."

The rope broke as the body of Elroy Kent shot through the trap door of the gallows on which he was hanged on Jan. 6 at Windsor, Vermont, for the murder of Miss Delia B. Congdon, a deaf-mute, at her home in East Wallingford three and a half years ago.

Deputy Sheriffs and physicians rushed to the murderer's side. The body was lifted and the unnoosed end of the rope was fastened in the rear of the gallows.

The drop had fallen at 1.18 p.m. At 1.25 Dr. S. E. McKervin, the prison physician, made an examination and found there was a slight pulse. At 1.42 the body was taken down. Dr. McKervin said:

"Owing to an unavoidable accident, which no one was responsible for; the condemned man's neck was only partially broken by the fall. But he suffered no conscious thought and died from the shock."

Before the hanging the prison officials had tested the gallows with a big and weighing more than one hundred pounds. Everything worked perfectly at the trial.

This was the second hanging in Vermont in recent years to be marred by an accident. When Mrs. Mary Rogers paid the penalty on December 8, 1905, for the murder of her husband, the rope, which is said to have been the same one used to-day, stretched so that her toes touched the floor. The incident led to an agitation for the abolition of the death penalty in Vermont, but no action resulted. The agitation has been renewed, and it is believed that this accident will add to its strength.

TELEGRAMS.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

SUGAR TARIFF.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 29, 3.5 a.m.

The Washington correspondent of Reuter states that in the House of Representatives the Ways and Means Committee agreed to a Sugar Revision Bill, reducing the tariff by one cent per pound.

THE NAVY.

The Naval Committee decided in favour of the laying down of two battleships during 1912.

ON A ROOF.

An Extraordinary Incident.

An extraordinary scene was witnessed in York-road, Islington, to-day, an ox breaking away from a herd which was being driven to the Caledonian Market, and bolting into the doorway of a block of model dwellings at the corner of York-road and Market-road, says the "Globe" of Jan. 31, and continues:—The beast, apparently mad with terror, clambered up the stair and gained the roof of the building, causing great alarm to the tenants. A crowd of drovers followed and attempted to lasso the animal, but met with no success. Several times it appeared as if the ox in its fright would jump over the low parapet into the street, a distance of 60 or 80 feet below.

It being found impossible to capture the animal without serious risk there was no alternative left but to shoot it. This operation was successfully carried out by Inspector Lynch, who obtained a rifle from the local headquarters of the Territorial Force. He fired one shot, which, owing to the animal's tough hide, did not take immediate effect, and the bull charged at him. With great presence of mind he immediately fired another shot which brought the animal down, and, to make quite sure, the Inspector fired once more at the bull's head. After this the carcass was lowered to the street.

The occurrence created great excitement in the district, and a large crowd collected to watch the chase.

The caretaker of the buildings said, in an interview, that when the drovers were first chasing the bull on the roof they thought they were fairly safe by being on the higher side of a 5ft. 6in. division of the roof, but to their astonishment the bull jumped this distance, and they were forced to fly for refuge behind chimney stacks and then to the fire exits on the roof.

In its leap the bull dislodged two rows of bricks on the wall, and in the course of his wild career also demolished one chimney stack and various other parts of the brickwork. The roof is of considerable length, but divided by various walls, and the animal rushed madly from end to end of the roof, taking those walls almost in his stride with extreme ease. Other cattle were driven into a yard at the back of the building in the hope of attracting the animal's attention, while efforts were made to lasso him, but he was too wary.

Before the arrival of the police inspector a cattle dealer brought a gun and fired five charges of small shot at the animal, but they proved to be of no use whatever, but rather seemed to irritate the animal and increase its ferocity.

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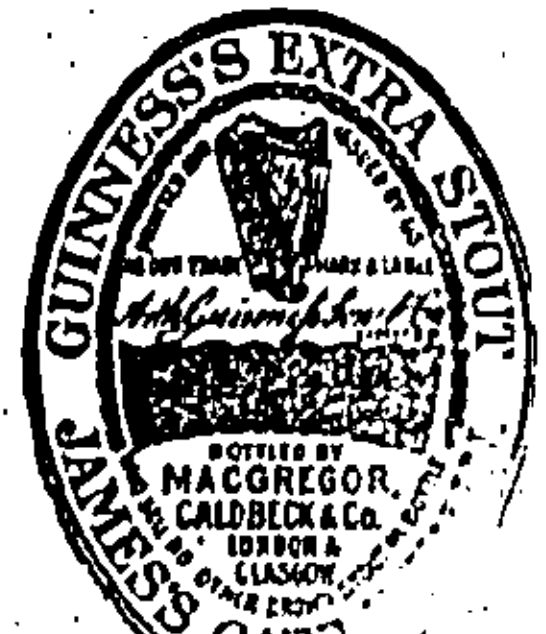
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China Mail.

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of rare tenacity of purpose and
has a tendency to force his way
into the councils of the Party
whether they like it or not.
Notwithstanding his many de-
feats, he still exercises a
wonderful amount of influence all
over the United States and his
lectures draw crowded audiences.
The movements of such a man
must therefore be carefully
watched by the politicians, for
he declines to be "eliminated,"
and thus creates a highly
disturbing factor in the
situation. The fear is that Dr.
Woodrow Wilson will not be able
to run counter to Mr. Bryan
when the real issue is joined and
that this will cause the fruits of
victory to again fall to the
Republicans, whether they nomi-
nate Taft or Roosevelt. But
when sizing up all the various
chances for the banner-bearers of
either of the big parties, it is
well to bear in mind the possi-
bility which the "Times" points
out as always being imminent in
American politics, the possibility
that we may witness on one or
both sides what is called a
"stampede"—the sudden nomi-
nation of a man whom no one
really wants, because no section
is strong enough to carry the
man of its choice.

Daily Prices.

A Reasonable Proposition.
The latest telegrams regarding
the coal crisis in Great Britain
show the miners to be deter-
mined to adhere to their demand for
a minimum wage at a rate adopted
by the Miners' Federation on
February 2. They are not
prepared to consider the varying
circumstances in different dis-
tricts, but insist on a uniform rate
for the entire country. It ap-
pears that the Government
is satisfied that there are
cases where miners cannot
earn a reasonable wage, from
causes they cannot control, and
the result of the conferences with
the Government of which the
telegrams have informed us is a
proposal by the Government that
distinct district conferences
should be held between the
owners and miners to decide upon
a minimum wage, a representa-
tive of the Government being
present to assist in deciding out-
standing points in the event of
the failure of any such conference.

South China Morning Post.

The Coal Crisis.

To-day there commences the
great coal strike in Britain, unless
some means of reconciling the
masters and men were discovered
at the last moment. Whether
their efforts have met with success
or failure, generous praise must
be extended to the Government for
their efforts to prevent the threaten-
ed conflict, and at any rate they
have done a great deal in the way
of influencing concessions and
lessening the margin of difference
between the contending forces.
Their latest proposal is a splendid
attempt to save the country from
the disaster of another big in-
dustrial struggle, and it is distin-
guished by its fairness to both sides
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FLOWERS--AND STRIKES.

In one of Mark Twain's books—a master of style whom America appreciated long before his native country did—is told a striking story of how a man near to death's door regained his grip upon life. Friendless, forlorn, the fire of his life gone out in ashes, he had no heart to struggle towards recovery; he had no interest in the world which surged around him. From this perilous state he was called by a butterfly which flew in at the open window of his bedroom. Its movements, its beauty arrested his attention, and he found himself growing interested. In the end he recovered, mainly because he wished to study the science of entomology.

That story is recalled to our minds by the fact that to-day the annual flower show is being held in Hongkong. Essentially a spectacular event, the real significance of such an exhibition lies deeper. It is more than a show designed on the one hand to interest a large body of visitors and, on the other, to discover the most successful growers of flowers and plants. It is a test of how deep and widespread is the active love for nature, expressed in one significant direction, in the community. A passion for flowers is the finest of all hobbies. No man can study, and hold communion with, nature without being the better for it. Whether business man or clerk, whether employer of labour or labourer employed, his contact with nature makes for better work because it leads to serenity of temper and removes that irritability over trifles which is all against healthy work. For nature is the great soother and comforter. Yet, again, no man can rear a prize bloom—no man can make the effort to rear one—without cultivating habits of study and patience and attention to detail that are bound to have their effect in the more serious walks in life. So it is that the more successful is a flower show in respect of number of exhibitors the more may that be counted a sign of health in the life of a community.

It is a far cry from a flower show to a strike; yet we remember an employer of labour who told us that of the minority which fought against a suggested strike of the workers in his employ nearly all were dwellers in cottages owned by themselves and with carefully tended gardens attached. These men could best face the strain of a strike, but they opposed it. The others, who possessed little, forced it forward. They dwelt in long, ugly rows or great, frowning tenements. That brings us face to face with one of the root causes of the lamentable spirit of unrest which of late has manifested itself amongst workmen at home. The growing cost of living does not wholly explain it, and the spread of education, as yet untrained and therefore dangerous, is only one cause. True it is that working-men are coming more and more to think—somewhat erratically as yet, of course—and to feel their power. But side by side with these causes has come the exodus from country to town. Men to-day are huddled together in cities and know nothing of the even temper and serene outlook upon life which their fathers won from communing with nature. The "back to the land" cry has a deeper significance than many of its adherents know.

DAY BY DAY.

Life consists partly of folly and partly of wisdom. He is foolish who deems it all one or the other.

To-day's Paper.

On page 3 appears Woman's World and an announcement in connection with the photographic competition. The report of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is given on pages 5 and 6. Owing to pressure on our space Xaverian's notes on sport, among other items, is held over.

H. M. S. Monmouth arrived in port yesterday.

The French Mail of Jan. 30 was delivered in London on Feb. 29.

A fine of \$10 or fourteen days was imposed on a woman, this morning, by Mr. Irving, for stealing a quantity of rice.

Six dead bodies were found in the streets yesterday by the police and in five instances death was due to small-pox.

At the Magistracy, this morning, seven ricksha coolies were fined \$3 or seven days each for refusing hire last Sunday. Mr. J. Wilkie who prosecuted the men said that they refused to convey himself and some friends to Pok-tulum.

Four men were charged at the Magistracy this morning with gambling at Yumati. The police stated that street gambling was becoming a great nuisance. The men pleaded not guilty, but Mr. Irving fined three of them \$2 each with the alternative of five days' imprisonment. The other man was cautioned.

A Costly Error.

The Postal Telegraph Cable Company has been ordered to pay a total of G. \$39,409.74 for transposing two figures in a message by the Appellate Division of the U. S. Supreme Court. It appears that in a message—a selling order—sent by a cotton exchange firm to a New Orleans correspondent 70 was changed to 07, and as a consequence the firm lost G. \$27,365.

Marine Court.

Chung Kam, an engineer on the s.s. Make and Li Sam, seaman, appeared at the Marine Court, to-day, charged with failing to stop the vessel when called upon on the 28th, and also with not showing the regulation lights. The charge against the engineer was eventually withdrawn, but the seaman being found guilty on both charges, was fined \$50 or seventy-four days' with hard labour. Defendant went to goal.

The Welsh Dinner.

St. David's Day will be celebrated by a dinner given at the Hongkong Hotel to-night by the Welsh Society. The President, the Hon. Mr. Ross-Davies will preside and Dr. Fitzwilliams will occupy the vice-chair. The main toast "The Land of My Fathers" will be proposed by the President and responded to in Welsh by Mr. G. T. Lloyd. The toasts of Our Guests will be acknowledged by the Hon. Mr. Cland Severn, Colonial Secretary and the Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, C.M.G. Among the guests will be Governor Pack of Bontock, P. I.

AN OPIUM HAUL.

Ship's Officer Fined.

An American named John Long, second officer of the s.s. Rubi, was charged at the Magistracy, this morning with being in unlawful possession of 160 taels of opium.

According to the evidence of the Customs officers who instigated the proceedings, the defendant last night hailed a sampan close by Douglas Pier and the officer being in possession of certain information accosted him before he had an opportunity to board it. They asked him to accompany them to Revenue Office where he was searched and the amount of opium stated was found in his possession.

Defendant told Mr. Melbourne that the opium was given him by a Portuguese.

A fine of \$500 or in the alternative three months' imprisonment was imposed.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

Visit to Macao.

His Excellency the Governor went to Macao to-day to pay an official visit and bid farewell to the Governor of the Portuguese possession. His Excellency left early in the morning by the Government Tender Stanley and was to return this afternoon.

HARB' UR PIRACY.

A Sensational Report.

We have been informed that one of the N. Y. K. lighters lying at Wanchai Bhy, laden with cargo, was broken into last night by robbers and a quantity of goods stolen.

It is said that the value of the stolen property is over \$40,000 and that sixteen men on the lighter were bound and gagged.

The N.Y.K. however, can only confirm the statement that the lighter was broken into and cannot state the value of the goods at present as it is not properly known what is missing. They admit that the value of the stolen goods is high.

The police refuse to deny or to confirm the report.

SUMMARY COURT.

Foreign Attachment.

In the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz the cases were mentioned in which Chas. E. Etti, was sued by M. Djalmas, J. C. Hamilton and R. V. Tirumali for \$254.50, \$556.67 and \$90 respectively.

Mr. Gardiner appearing for the plaintiff said this was a case in which foreign attachment proceedings had been taken.

Mr. W. B. Hind for the defendant said he was prepared to admit the claim.

Mr. Shenton informed His Lordship that he represented the garnishees in the case, Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

Mr. Hind: I am willing to consent to judgment in the action, but my instructions are to have the writ of foreign attachment set aside. We do not require Messrs. Leigh and Orange in these proceedings at all.

His Lordship suggested that he should enter judgment for the plaintiffs.

Mr. Hind said that he would not object to this, but it might prejudice his position with regard to any action he might take as to the writ of foreign attachment.

If the proceedings were in order he would consent to judgment, but if they were not he would apply to have the writ set aside.

The matter was referred to Chambers for further consideration.

THE ARBITRATION CASE.

Judge's Strictures.

The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott, delivered a lengthy reading judgment this afternoon in the case sent to him by H.E. the Governor for arbitration. In connection with the reclamation at Kowloon, several owners of plots on the sea shore, claimed compensation on the ground that sea access had been cut off by the work. The government made them an award under an ordinance passed in connection with the work, and the matter was sent for arbitration.

The Chief Justice found in favour of the claimants and read out a list of his awards pertaining to each lot.

The position was summed up by Mr. Potter who pointed out that the Government originally offered \$45,000, the claimants wanted \$161,000 and on arbitration had been awarded \$74,000.

Costs were given against the Government. His Lordship remarking that had they approached the other side, as he thought they should have done, there would not have been so much trouble.

FLOWER SHOW.

Excellent Display and Keen Competition.

The annual show in connection with the Hongkong Horticultural Society was opened to-day. The arrangement was exceedingly good and was admirably carried out by a committee consisting of Mr. J. Barton (president), Mr. W. L. Patten (hon. treasurer), Mr. F. Howell, Mr. A. H. Harris, Mr. R. Green, Mr. W. J. Titcher, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Looker, Mrs. Jordan and Mr. L. Gibbs (hon. Secretary).

Those who gave the prizes, which were presented to the winners by Mrs. Anderson, were:—H. E. Sir F. Lugard, Major General Anderson, Mr. J. Barton, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. A. Bryer, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. Choo Po-Sien, Mr. P. W. Goldring, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Wong Kum-Fook, Mr. H. W. Looker, Mr. Lau Chupak, Mr. Leung Jan-po, Mr. Li Ping, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Mr. N. J. Stabb, Mr. Murray Stewart, Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ho Tung.

The Judges were:—Mr. Barton, Mr. Titcher, Mr. Looker, Mr. Howell, Mr. Beavis, Mr. Bowley, Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Tomes.

THE PRIZE LIST.

Class 1: Six pots of annuals or raised from seed the same season:—1 Sir Paul Chater; 2 Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class 2: 3 Pots of flowering plants other than annuals:—1, Mrs. Jordan; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Class 3: Three Pots of fan palms (Livistonia chinensis): Mrs. Jordan; 2, Sir Paul Chater; 3, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Class 4: Three pots of palms other than fan palms:—1, Miss Wallace; 2, Mr. Ho Kow Lung.

Class 5: Three pots of Rives: 1, Sir Paul Chater.

Class 6: Three pots Frossin: 1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

Class 7: Three pots of geraniums: 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mrs. Choo; 3, Mrs. Jordan.

8—3 pots of Camellias.—No award.

9—3 pots of Dahlias.—1, Mrs. Choo, 2, Sir Paul Chater, 3, Mrs. Ho Tung.

10—3 pots of Phlox Drummondii.—1, Ho Kom Tong, no second.

11—3 pots of Geraniums and/or Picotees.—1, Sir Paul Chater, 2, Mrs. Choo; 3, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

12—43 pots of Dianthus, other varieties including Carnation and Picotee.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mrs. Gordon.

13—3 pots of Pansies.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung, 3, Won C. H. Ross.

14—3 pots of Violets.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater, no third.

15—3 pots of Mignonette.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Hon. C. H. Ross, 3, Mrs. Ho Tung.

16—3 pots of Nasturtium (Tall varieties).—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung; 3, Mr. Boggarth.

Class 17—3 pots of Nasturtium (dwarf varieties). 1, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

Class 18—3 pots of Narcissus Tazetta, Mr. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Kow Tong.

Class 19—3 pots of Azaleas. 1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 3, Hon. C. H. Ross.

Class 20—3 pots Ferns, excluding Maiden Hair Ferns. 1, Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class 21—3 pots of Maiden Hair Ferns. 1, Mr. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

Class 22—3 pots of chrysanthemum no exhibit.

Class 23—3 pots of Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens) 1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

24—3 pots of Primula.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Choo.

25—3 pots of Peony.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong no second.

26—3 pots of Salvia.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

27—3 pots of Chinese Orchids.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

Plants in Pots—Peak Gardens only.

28—6 pots of Annuals or plants raised from seed the same season. 1, Mrs. Edo; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

29—3 pots of Flowering plants other than annuals.—1, Mrs. Edo; 2, Mrs. Tomes.

30—3 pots of Geraniums.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Armstrong.

31—3 pots of Dahlias.—No award.

32—3 pots of Verbenas Prize. Class No. 1.

33—3 pots of Mignonette.—1, Mrs. Scott Harston.

34—3 pots of Nasturtium.—1, Mr. Armstrong; 2, Mr. B. Layton.

35—3 pots of Freesia.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Bowley.

36—3 pots of Narcissus Tazetta.—1, Mr. B. Layton; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

37—3 pots of Heliotrope.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. A. H. Harris.

38—3 pots of Ferns, distinct varieties.—1, Mr. Harris.

39—3 pots of Fan Palms (Livistonia chinensis).—1, Mr. Bowley; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

40—3 pots of Palms other than Fan Palms.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Edo.

41—3 pots of French or African Marigolds.—1, Mr. Bowley; 2, Mrs. Scott Harston.

42—3 pots of Pot Marigolds (Oleandula officinalis).—1, Mr. Bowley; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

43—3 pots of Marguerite.—1, Mrs. Tomes; 2, Mr. Wilkinson.

Plants in Pots—open to all who do not employ a gardener.

44—3 pots of Annuals or Plants raised from seed the same season.—1, Mr. Hoggarth.

45—3 pots of Flowering plants other than annuals.—1, Mr. Hoggarth; 2, Miss Wallace.

46—3 pots of Palms.—1, Miss Wallace; 2, Mr. Hoggarth.

47—3 pots of Ferns.—1, Miss Wallace.

48—Collection of vegetables, (not less than 6 varieties). Those must be staged in a box not larger than 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 3 inches deep. 1, Sir Paul Chater, 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 3, Mrs. Rodger.

49—4 Heads of Celery, 1, Mr. Hoggarth; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

50—4 Cauliflowers or Broccoli, 1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Sir Paul Chater; 3, Mrs. Rodger.

51—4 Cabbages, 1, Mrs. Rodger; 2, Mr. Hoggarth.

52—6 Lettuces, 1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross.

53—2 Vegetable Marrows, 1, L. Gibbs; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

54—6 Beets, 1, Mrs. Rodger; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

55—6 Carrots.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

56—6 Turnips.—1, Sergeant Kerr; 2, Miss Patsey Kerr.

57—6 Parsnips.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

58—12 Onions.—No Prize.

59—12 Tomatoes.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Sergeant Kerr.

60—12 Potatoes.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

61—25 Radishes.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross; 3, Mr. J. W. Powles.

62—25 Brussels Sprouts.—1, Mr. J. W. Powles; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

63—25 pods of Peas.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

64—25 pods of French Beans.—1, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

65—6 Leeks.—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mr. Ho Kom Tong; 3, Mr. Hoggarth.

66—4 Cucumbers.—1, No Exhibits.

67—Dish of Strawberries, not less than 20 fruits.—1, Sir Paul Chater.

Special prize for Seakale, Mr. C. M. Ede.

68—Collection of vegetables, not less than 6 varieties. (These must be staged in a box not larger than 4 ft. x 4 ft. and 3 inches deep.—1, Mr. Wilkinson; 2, Mrs. Wakeman.

69—4 Heads of Celery.—1, Mr. Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Scott Harston.

70—4 Cauliflower of Broccoli. 1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. A. H. Harris.

71—4 Cabbages, 1, Mr. Armstrong; 2, Mr. Harris.

72—6 Lettuces, 1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Wilkinson; 3, Mr. Bowley.

73—6 Beets, 1, Mrs. Harston and Mrs. Edo.

74—6 Carrots, Mrs. Edo; 2, Mr. Bowley.

75—6 Turnips, 1, Mr. Bowley; 2, Mrs. Wilkinson; 3, Mrs. Ho Tung.

76—6 Onions, No exhibit.

77—6 Parsnips, 1, Mrs. Edo; 2, Mrs. Harston.

78—12 Tomatoes.—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Harston.

79—25 Radishes, 1, Mr. Wilkinson; 2, Mr. Armstrong; 3, Mrs. Edo.

80—15 pods of Peas.—1, Mrs. Harston; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

81—25 pods of French Beans.—1, No exhibit.

82—25 Brussels Sprouts.—1, Mr. Wilkinson; 2, Mrs. Wakeman.

83—2 Vegetable marrows.—1, Mr. Wilkinson.

[The concluding portion of the prize list is held over.]

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the H.K.C.C. v. the Combined League to-morrow on the H.K.C.C. ground. Play is to start at 2 p.m. sharp:—

D. E. Donnelly, O. C. Starke, T. E. Penno, W. E. Warburton, A. N. Joseland, Com. Ward, R. N., Lt. Annaham, R. N., R. F. Long, H. Hancock, Mr. Rouquette R. N. and Surg. Fisher, R. N.

Hongkong Cricket League. The following is the League table to date:—

Club	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
1 Civil Service...	13	8	5	0	24
2 Ongeingow...	10	6	1	3	21
3 Kowloon...	10	5	3	2	17
4 R. G. A.	8	3	2	3	12
5 H. K. Police...	9	4	5	0	12
6 K. O. Y. L. I.	8	3	4	1	8
7 R. E.	8	2	5	1	7
8 Naval Yard...	10	2	8	0	6

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Annual General Meeting

There was only a sparse attendance at the City Hall yesterday afternoon when the Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, C.M.G., presided over the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce. There were present the Hon. Mr. O. H. Ross (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.), Messrs. G. H. Medhurst (Dorwell & Co.), G. T. Edkins (Bulterfield and Swire), E. Shellin (D. Sassoon & Co.), J. W. C. Bonnar (Gibb, Livingstone & Co.), F. H. Armstrong (Reiss & Co.), N. J. Stahlb (Hongkong and Shanghai Bank), E. A. Williams, secretary, A. Forbes (Bradley & Co.), T. F. Hough (Hough and Hough), W. Dickson (Chartered Bank), Hadley White (Connell Bros. & Co.), A. D. Barretto (Cruz Basto & Co.), W. A. Dawley (Vacuum Oil Co.), L. Borindongue (Banquo de l'Indo-Chine), D. Macdonald (Macdonald & Co.), C. Bond (Gande, Price & Co.), K. M. Cumming (W. R. Loxley & Co.), W. A. Jupp (China, Borneo & Co.), F. C. Macdonald (Mercantile Bank of India), Murray Stewart (Stewart Bros.), R. Fuhrmann (Routel, Brockelmann & Co.), D. Lewis (Johnson, Stokes and Master), J. W. Balles (Standard Oil Co.), G. Hogg (International Bank), W. E. Clarke (Hongkong Canton, Mieno Steamboat Co.), and Wong Leung-him (Yuen Hop).

The Chairman's Speech.

After expressing regret at the small attendance the Chairman said:—

The report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read.

Before proposing their adoption, I will as usual make a few remarks on the more important matters which have received the attention of the committee during the past twelve months.

The first question in this report is concerned with signalling to vessels which have taken refuge behind Stonecutter Island or in Junk Bay. The matter was brought forward by a number of the commanders of local steamers, and thanks to the action of the government and the courtesy of H.E. the General Officer commanding and the general manager of the Standard Oil Co. arrangements have now been made to signal the latest storm warnings to the vessels.

Another question relating to the signalling which has engaged our attention was the advisability or otherwise of retaining the red signals. After considerable discussion it has, however, been decided to continue their use at all events until the promised and much looked for wireless station has been erected on the Pratas Island.

You will notice that the serious inconvenience and in some cases actual loss entailed on importers through the disastrous strikes of dock labourers and others which occurred last year in Great Britain has been considered by the committee who, however, were of opinion that this was a matter which could better be dealt with by the importing firm communicating direct with his buyers rather than as suggested by a joint circular from all the importing houses.

A very important point has been raised, viz. as to whether a mate's receipt could be considered a negotiable document. The committee, without pretending to be able to give an authoritative

decision on the subject, consider that under ordinary circumstances such a receipt is not necessarily a proof of ownership and could not be considered as a negotiable document, unless the holder could show he had secured the receipt in exchange for value received.

The opium question was very fully dealt with in our last report, and as you will have seen correspondence on the subject up to May of last year was published in that report. As stated in my last annual address, the committee considered it advisable not to lay the correspondence before the members until matters had been finally adjusted.

In June, however, as you will see on reference to our present report, the matter was again brought forward, as the Canton authorities were proposing to adopt another system by which they hoped to increase their revenue at the expense of the trade and, as usual, in defiance of treaty obligation.

The disturbances which shortly broke out resulting in a change in the personnel of the provincial government has left the matter in abeyance.

The possibility of disinfecting vessels and lighters by a Clayton machine has again been raised by the Government, but, as you will notice, the committee adhere to the view expressed some years ago by their predecessors that the proposals put forward are impracticable.

The erection of a light on Kaping Island which has for so many years been demanded by those interested in the river trade is, we hope, shortly to be completed, the apparatus for the light having already arrived in the Colony.

With regard to the new Companies Ordinance, the committee have made suggestions to the Government with a view to the amendment of the ordinance on certain particulars, chief among which was that the books of Chinese joint stock Companies should be kept in English.

The difficulty of a full examination of books kept in Chinese was pointed out to the Government who, however, were disinclined to accept the suggestion.

The Committee then proposed that at least the statutory books and the cash book should be in the English, and it would then be possible in the case of a winding up to trace the receipts and expenditure on capital account and to work up a rough estimate of the trading.

The matter is still the subject of correspondence with the Government.

The necessity for a properly drawn up form of bond for use in arbitrations was referred to in my last annual address. This matter has now been dealt with, a form of bond having been drawn up by the Chamber's solicitors, which has been brought into use.

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YARN MARKET.

The following is Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall's Yarn report dated March 1:—

Since the issue of our last report on the 16th ultimo, for S.S. Himalaya, our market has undergone a complete change, and it is the first time for some months that we have to record such a large volume of business.

The first signs of any inclination on the part of the dealers to operate on a large scale were manifested a few days after the New Year holidays, when news reached here of the destruction by fire of a large quantity of raw cotton in Bombay and America. Then came the rapid decline of exchange, which, of course, made importers display some firmness.

With these two factors making for higher prices, and a sudden demand from two or three country districts reacting the dealers, a determined rush was made to secure all that was available on the market. Importers were not slow in taking advantage of such conditions, with the consequent result that prices were advanced by leaps and bounds, and we have to record an aggregate business of 20,000 bales including a large lot in forward sales and a rise of \$3 to 6 per bale established.

It may be stated that the local dealers themselves were taken completely by surprise at the receipt of orders from the country, which were entirely unexpected by them.

The bulk of the above business has been, of course, in No. 10, and some of it speculative, while it must also be noted that many of the contracts were effected before the full advance was established.

Total Sales 20,000 bales. Unsold Stocks 11,000 bales. Sold but undelivered in the Godown and to arrive 30,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The Mail Str. India and extra Str. Austria and Vowarts from Bombay, & Str. Kumsang from Calcutta have brought in 4,622 bales for Hongkong and 9,088 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to coast ports &c. amount to about 500 bales.

Local Mill.—750 Bales of No. 10, 16s & 20s were sold at \$130 \$135 & \$140 respectively.

Shanghai.—Latest advices indicate a better feeling in this market.

Japanese Yarn.—In sympathy with the general advance in price this yarn has advanced \$8 and some 900 Bales No. 20 were booked at \$140 to 155.

Raw Cotton, Bengal.—No Stock Chinese 150 small bales sold (a) \$33 per picul. Stock 500 bales. Quotation Bengal (a) \$28 to 31 Chinese (a) \$30 to \$31.

CANTON NEWS.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, Feb. 29.

People living in the northern suburbs of Canton were disturbed by the sound of gun firing on Feb. 27, which lasted well into the morning. It appears that during the night a large fire fight took place, many houses being burnt down during the disturbance. The people of the district are in a state of panic and those that are able are fleeing into the city. Troops have been sent to the spot to maintain order. Another fight of a more serious nature is reported from the Pun U district between the villagers of Mow-kiang and Wangsha, rising out of a dispute in a gambling den. Fighting still continues and over 100 people have been killed or wounded.

The Chinese residents in Hongkong have petitioned the Governor-General of Canton asking him to prevail upon Field Marshal Lung Chai-kwong to remain in Canton, rather than proceed to Nanking, as his presence in the former city is urgently needed to keep down local ruffians.

A meeting of the Provisional Council was held on Tuesday to consider a petition forwarded by the residents in Yuet Shau-fong and Ma Cho-po. It appears that some hundreds of them have been rendered homeless through the demolition of the city wall and the destruction of houses in the neighbourhood. Before the work was commenced, the authorities responsible notified the petitioners that the work would only be confined, at first, to the uninhabited districts where the wall existed, but owing to a sudden change of plans a large number of buildings have been demolished and their inhabitants made homeless. The council decided that the petitioners have a real grievance and are to approach the

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Governor-General, with a request that houses be found for the sufferers.

The Army Co-operative Society, and the Jointly Sworn Society have sent a telegram to Dr. Sun Yat-sen declaring their opposition to the election of Yuan Shih-kai as President. Their grounds for objection, they say, are that Yuan's plans and movements are open to suspicion, and they are afraid that he might be tempted to emulate Napoleon Bonaparte. They also declare that the whole of the Empire and even the assembly are honey-combed with persons all working in Yuan's interests and they cannot understand why China should tolerate a President for 10 years while shorter periods are in vogue in America and France. The concluding passages of the message say that the sooner Yuan is removed from the presidency, the better for China.

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Saturday, March 9.
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Monday, March 11.
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SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	CHOY-SANG	Sunday, 3rd Mar., 11 a.m.
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, OHI, & YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU, Capt. K. No., T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon
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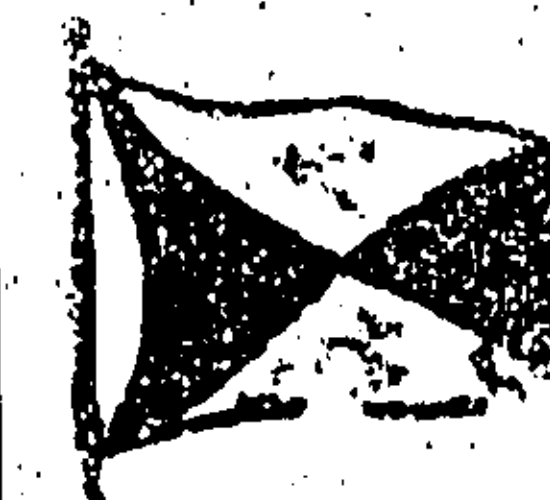
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LOG BOOK.

A Lost Steamer.

Before Sir Samuel Evans and Mr. Justice Bagnall Deane, sitting as a Divisional Court of Admiralty, Captain Paul August Braun appeared and appealed against his suspension following the loss of the British Standard off the coast of Brazil on May 25, 1910.

Captain Braun said that the vessel struck some submerged object, which caused the ship to founder. A court of inquiry was held at Cardiff, and after a protracted hearing it found "That there is presumptive evidence that the cause of the loss of the vessel was wilfully put into operation by human agency in some manner which there is no reliable evidence to indicate."

Even assuming that the vessel struck a rock, the report said, the loss might have been averted. The court suspended the captain's certificate for eighteen months, and the chief engineer's for twelve months. The captain was ordered to pay 1,000 guineas towards the cost of the inquiry. The Divisional Court had given leave to the Board of Trade and Captain Braun to call further evidence.

Captain Braun, who addressed the court for fourteen hours, told how his "beautiful home" had been sold up under the order of the Board of Trade so that he should find one thousand guineas towards the cost of the inquiry. All he had left was a table and a chair.

Captain Braun went on to say that he took over the mastership of the British Standard, his brother or being connected with the owning company. He stated that he had nothing to gain by casting his vessel away. He referred to the suspicion running through the findings of the court of inquiry, which, he said, had taken assumption for fact. He compared their findings as being almost the same as the comments of Sergeant Buzzoff on the letter of Mr. Pickwick to Mr. Bardell concerning his warning-pan and slippers. He could not say what caused his ship to sink. It might have been a derelict vessel or a hidden rock. Mr. Justice Bagnall Deane remarked that that court was not going to suggest that the captain had anything to do with the suggested scuttling of the steamer. They had to see whether the captain was guilty of negligence after the vessel made water.

Captain Braun remarked that in public opinion it was thought he had scuttled his ship. Mr. Hamar Greenwood, for the Board of Trade, intimated that he had no intention of arguing that Captain Braun scuttled his ship.

Sir S. Evans said another matter arose whether there did not seem to be running through the decision of the court of inquiry the suggestion that the captain was implicated in the scuttling, and whether, that being so, the suspension of the captain's certificate was in any degree imposed on any such assumption. He (the judge) did not say that it was, only that it might be a question arising in this appeal.

Mr. Justice Bagnall Deane thought either there was a finding against the captain or there was not. If the captain was not guilty of scuttling he could not see why an extra penalty should be put on the captain for suspensions. A man could not be hanged on suspicion only, and that was practically what had been done here.

Captain Braun: Thank you, my lord. That is just how I feel in the matter. My life at Penarth is intolerable. People won't go to the Lord's table if I am there. The captain drew attention to the evidence given in the court below to show that he took every possible precaution to save his ship before he left her.

Judgment was reserved.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Continued from page 5.)

The membership of the Chamber shows a considerable number of changes, the total, however, being 145 as against 143 last year.

I have now dealt with all the more important questions set forth in our report. There are a few more matters which I should like to touch on.

You will no doubt remember something appeared in the local press recently as to the necessity for dredging in the harbour.

In the opinion of the Committee there is at the moment no such necessity particularly bearing in mind the heavy cost which even partial dredging would involve.

With the opening of the Panama Canal we will no doubt see very great changes in the shipping trade to the East, but it does not follow that the draught of vessels calling at Hongkong will be very materially increased.

The matter will require watching, and should it be seen that vessels are deferred from calling at Hongkong through want of sufficient depth of water in the anchorage a new survey will have to be made and a comprehensive scheme for dredging drawn up. This I need hardly say would be a most costly enterprise, but if found necessary will have to be undertaken rather than Hongkong should risk a loss of that trade by which alone she can exist.

Although nothing appears in our report on the important subject of the erection of a wireless station it must not be supposed the question has been neglected.

We understand that while the Naval Authorities contemplate erecting their own station, steps are also being taken to set up a lower power station for commercial purposes.

This may not be quite so powerful as the station asked for, but it is possible it will prove sufficient for our needs. The matter is now under consideration, and at the moment I am unable to say anything further, but the Government will be asked to give publicity to the proposed scheme at the earliest possible date.

You will recollect that last year reference was made to the publication of a business directory, Hongkong, the material has now been collected, and we understand has been passed on to the Board of Trade by the Hongkong Government.

The committee of the Chamber has recently been approached by the special commissioner of "The Financial News," who is now in the Far East, as to the publication of a special section dealing with the financial, commercial and industrial development of Hongkong. This well known paper has already issued similar editions dealing with India, Australia, Canada and other places and the committee believe the publication of the proposed edition cannot but prove of great benefit to the Colony they would ask the members to be good enough to consider the proposals of Mr. Maitland, the special commissioner, should that gentleman call on them.

Since our last meeting very great and startling changes have taken place in the Empire of China, resulting in a new form of government, and we trust what will shortly prove to be a more enlightened progressive and civilized form of government than the old order which has so suddenly been swept away.

It is so recently when most of us were listening to an able address from our friend the Vice Chairman dealing with the present situation in China and giving so far as it was possible some forecast of what these changes may bring forth that I feel it would be a work of supererogation, even if I could find it possible to attempt any such forecast or to add to what he has already said.

We are I think all agreed that we have as yet hardly done more than scratch the trade of China, with a reformed and enlightened Government, able to control and suitably direct

the forces under them, we should see an enormous increase in the foreign trade of the Empire which would so greatly benefit all concerned and more particularly the industrious, sober minded people of that great country.

We can only trust that the work of settling the country and of bringing in a reformed government will be promptly and efficiently carried out and that under the new regime we will no longer have to complain of the constant breaches of treaty and acts of bad faith towards the Treaty Powers of which the Chinese Government have for so many years been guilty.

Continuing Mr. Hewitt said:—Although many changes have taken place, and are taking place, I am afraid my address to you has been rather fragmentary. I have only another word to say. Several changes have taken place on our committee during the past year. Amongst others, we have lost the services of our well known vice-chairman, the Hon. Mr. Kewick, of a very old firm in the colony and I am sure we all deeply regret his permanent departure from the Far East and wish he were with us. However, he is doing good, if not better work at home. The only other change which is contemplated in the future is the departure of our present vice-chairman. He has been a member of our committee for several years, and as we know, has taken a very prominent part in the business life of the colony. I am sure you will all sincerely regret, as I do, his departure from the Far East. With those words I beg to propose the passing of the report and accounts.

Mr. Dickson seconded, and said:—Gentlemen, I rise with much pleasure to second the adoption of the report and accounts just submitted by our chairman. In doing so I am thankful to say it does not devolve upon me to pass in review order the many and varied themes dealt with by the Committee during the year: that our interests are in reliable and capable hands is obvious and any enlargement upon the very interesting speech we have just listened to would be manifestly out of place. I need hardly remind you of the trying and critical times our ancient neighbour has passed through in the last few months. There are still many rapids to be negotiated and matters of vital importance to this Colony are bound to arise but as our Chairman has remarked we look hopefully to the future. One thing is obvious, that our Committee has the interests of the Chamber and through it the Colony at heart; that a watchful eye is being maintained and that our interests may with perfect confidence be entrusted to its vigilance. Before sitting down I would venture to remind you that the position of Chairman is no sinecure and that we are fortunate in the possession of one who is able and willing to place his services and wide experience so freely at our disposal and I am quite sure it is the wish of every member that our deep sense of obligation to the Chairman, Committee and Secretary should be placed on record.

Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. T. F. Hough, seconded by Mr. Bolles, the following committee were re-elected:—

Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt, O.M.G., Mr. G. H. Madhurst, Mr. F. H. Armstrong, Mr. J. W. C. Bonner, Mr. G. T. Elkins, Mr. G. F. Friesland, Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, Mr. H. A. Siebs, Mr. E. Shellim and Mr. N. J. Stabb.

The chairman proposed, and the vice chairman seconded, the election of the following firms as members:—Messrs. Arculli Bros., Messrs. Carr Bediker and Co., Messrs. Garner Quetch and Co., The Nestle Anglo-Swiss Milk Co., London, Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, and Messrs. Thomas Cook and Son.

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MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London February 10th. Due Shanghai February 14th. March 1st.

MAILS DUE.

Canadian, Montevideo, 2nd inst. German, Prinz Sigismund, 4th inst. German, Prinzess Alice, 7th inst. American, Persia, 12th inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Mail, Cebu, Manila, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Eastern, 2nd Mar., 9 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Chongchong, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m. Shanghai—Per Chongchong, 2nd Mar., 10 a.m.

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Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Loong-sang, 2nd Mar., 1 p.m. Macao—Per Sui Tai, 2nd Mar., 1.15 p.m.

W. Hainan, Chongchong and Tientsin—Per Hainan, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m. Shanghai—Per Anhui, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m. Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Hanoi, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m. Saigon—Per Wengkok, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m. Amoy, Swatow and Hongkong—Per Soang loon, 2nd Mar., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Mongolia, 2nd Mar., 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow—Per Hainan, 3rd Mar., 9 a.m. Saigon—Per Marie, 29th Feb., 4 p.m. Amoy, Swatow and Hongkong—Per Daijun-maru, 2nd Mar., 9 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 2nd Mar., 1.15 p.m. Macao—Per Sui Tai, 4th Mar., 1.15 p.m.

Haiphong and Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Singan, 5th Mar., 9 a.m. M. Hainan and Haiphong (taking Mails for Pakhoi)—Per Si gon, 5th Mar., 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per Hainan, 5th Mar., 10 a.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, EUROPE, &c., VIA TUTICORIN. (Late letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per P. T. F. Friesland, 5th Mar., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Mongolia, 2nd Mar., 6 p.m.

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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Mongolia, 2nd Mar., 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow—Per Hainan, 3rd Mar., 9 a.m.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN. (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Dumbas, 12th Mar., 11 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Ati-maru, 12th Mar., 5 p.m. Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Kumano-maru, 12th Mar., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Nikko Maru, 15th Mar., 11 a.m.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Catherine Apsar, Br. s.s., 1,780, J. C. Townsend, 27th Feb.—Singapore 22nd Feb., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Daijun Maru, Jap. s.s., 908, J. Yamaguchi, 28th Feb.—Swatow 27th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K.

Don of Glamis, Br. s.s., 3,818, A. Low, 28th Feb.—London 19th Jan., and Singapore 23rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. Co.

Poo Shing, Br. s.s., 1,428, W. D. Wafu, 21st Feb.—Hainan 16th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Glenfalloch, Br. s.s., 1,431, V. Van Egdom, 29th Feb.—Singapore 22nd Feb., Gen.—Joo Tak Song.

Hongkong, Br. s.s., 739, Cornelissen, 27th Feb.—Haiphong 27th Feb., Gen.—A. R. Merly.

Hunan, Br. s.s., 1,183, Spod, 18th Feb.—Hongkong 16th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Knigt Companion, Br. s.s., 4,175, J. Kindell, 21st Feb.—Philadelphia 24th Dec., Case oil.—S. O. Co.

Kweilin, Br. s.s., 1,026, C. W. Finkett, 28th Feb.—Wakamatsu 2nd Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,850, Chas. E. Page, 2nd Feb.—Swatow 19th Feb., Rice.—Wo Fat Sing.

Loong Sang, Br. s.s., 1,048, Leach, 27th Feb.—Manila 24th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Mexico Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,750, N. Kobayashi, 20th Feb.—Tacoma via Japan 20th Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.

Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, Henry E. Morton, 26th Feb.—San Francisco 23rd Jan., Mail and Gen.—P. M. Co.

Prinpon Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,452, A. G. Stevens, 27th Feb.—San Francisco 30th Jan., Gen.—T. K. K.

Pharagat, Ger. s.s., 1,021, N. C. Rohrer, 28th Feb.—Bangkok 14th Feb., Rice.—B. & S.

Rigel, Am. s.s., 1,215, J. Silva, 25th Feb.—Manila 22nd Feb., Sugar.—B. & S.

Suisun, Br. s.s., 1,776, M. Picknell, 24th Feb.—Bourabaya 14th Feb., Sugar.—J. M. Co.

Taiwan, Br. s.s., McKeeckie, 21st Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb., Rice.—Order.

Taiyuan, Br. s.s., 1,459, T. Dawson, 28th Feb.—Sydney 1st Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

T. Impph, Ger. s.s., 708, Langschweiger, 27th Feb.—Solebitik 2nd Feb., Coal.—J. & Co.

Tai'an, Br. s.s., 1,002, F. Becking, 25th Feb.—Bangkok 16th Feb., Rice and Meat.—B. & S.

Wong Kai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, H. Othmann, 27th Feb.—Fuchow 16th Feb., Rice.—B. & S.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of Japan arrived at Nagasaki at 7.30 a.m., yesterday, and left again at 2.30 p.m., same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 5 p.m., to-day.

ARRIVALS.

Tamara, Br. s.s., 3,818, N. M. Odonald, 29th Feb.—San Francisco, Bulk oil.—S. O. Co.

Ambric, Ger. s.s., 3,850, Enst, 29th Feb.—Shanghai 26th Feb., Gen.—H. A. L.

Carl Dieckmann, Ger. s.s., 774, Ch. Jorgensen, 29th Mar.—Haiphong and Hainan 27th Feb., Gen.—J. & Co.

Fausang, Br. s.s., 2,251, H. S. Malkin, 29th Feb.—Bangkok and Kowichang 23rd Feb., Rice.—J. M. & Co.

Daguy, Nor. s.s., 883, P. Solvosen, 29th Feb.—Wakamatsu 22nd Feb., Coal.—A. T. & Co.

Eastern, Br. s.s., 2,272, E. P. Balkie, 29th Feb.—Kobe 24th Feb., Gen.—G. L. & Co.

Ostoria, Br. s.s., 5,104, J. Findlay, 29th Feb.—United States and Brit. Col. Flour.—Bank Line.

Monmouth, Br. cruiser, 9,800, L. E. Power, m.v.o., 1st Mar.—Shanghai 28th Feb.

Assaye, Br. s.s., 4,359, G. W. Cockman, m.v.o., 1st Mar.—Shanghai 27th Feb., Mail and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Haiyang, Br. s.s., 1,362, J. W. Evans, 1st Mar.—Swatow 29th Feb., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Anhui, Br. s.s., 1,850, J. B. Harris, 1st Mar.—Shanghai 25th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Song Choon, Br. s.s., 3,000, Larkine, 1st Mar.—Singapore 14th Feb., Gen.—Seang Line.

Kiukiang, Br. s.s., 1,228, Robertson, 1st Mar.—Canton 29th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Teau, Br. s.s., 1,240, A. W. Oatridge, 1st Mar.—Manila 27th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Chow Tai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Reher, 1st Mar.—Bangkok 22nd Feb., Rice.—B. & S.

Dovre, Nor. s.s., 932, F. Sigeland, 1st Mar.—Macao 1st Mar., Gen.—Wo Yick S. S. Co.

Patrolus, Br. s.s., 3,518, W. R. Bailey, 1st Mar.—Shanghai 27th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

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DEPARTED.

Austria, for Yokohama. Hainan, for Swatow. Hainan, for Fuchow. Yoon-maru, for Tokyo. Nubia, for Yokohama. Fuku-maru, for Wakamatsu. On Sang, for Nanchang. Kiang Ping, for Chinkiang. Rabi, for Cebu. Hainan, for Shanghai. Childer, for Bangkok. Clara Johnson, for Hongkong.

Passengers Arrived. For Amoy, arrived 1st Mar., from Shanghai:— Chaney, G. A. Oiler, M. A. Cran, H. T. J. Quail, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morison, Argus Schmidt, C. Monteith, Miss

Passengers Departed. For s.s. Kaga Maru, sailed on 29th Feb., for Japan:— Arakawa, J. Kato, R. Akamori, Kum Chik-chun, Doe, M. Lamb, A. F. Fuku, M. Lit-sim, Gifford, S. Marsden, M. Hirose, Moya, Inouye, Motono, Okada, Kam Chum-nam, Kileo, Mrs. F. Tanom, Nai

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